2011-2016 Wisconsin Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) Status and Updates





Wisconsin SCORP Status and Updates

March 23, 2011 1:00 – 4:00 Schmeeckle Reserve Visitor Center 2419 North Point Drive Stevens Point Conference Call*

Time/ Presenter	ltem ■ = materials		Key Points
1:00 Jeff Prey	Welcome Introductions	1. Logist	tics
1:05 Jeff Prey	SCORP Background	1. Ameri	icas Great Outdoors Report and connection to SCORP
1:15 Jeff Prey	SCORP Planning Elements – Status and Updates	1. Dema	and for Outdoor Recreation in Wisconsin
Eric Olson / Anna Haines - UW Stevens Point			ecting Urban and Rural Populations to Open Space Lands ecreation and Conservation
Dave Marcouiller – UW Madison			oor Recreation, Health, and Wellness: Understanding and noing the Relationship
Jeff Prey / All		1. The E	Evaluation of Urban Park and Greenway Open Spaces
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2011-2016 Approach

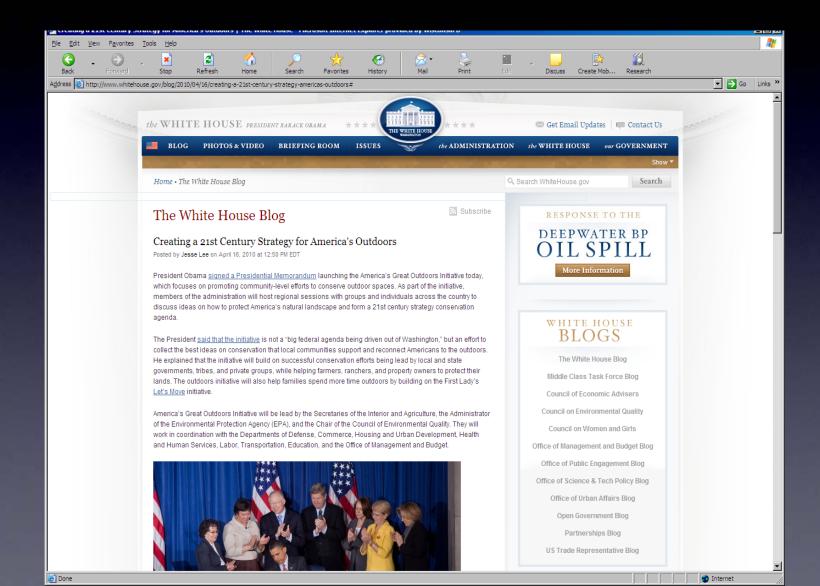
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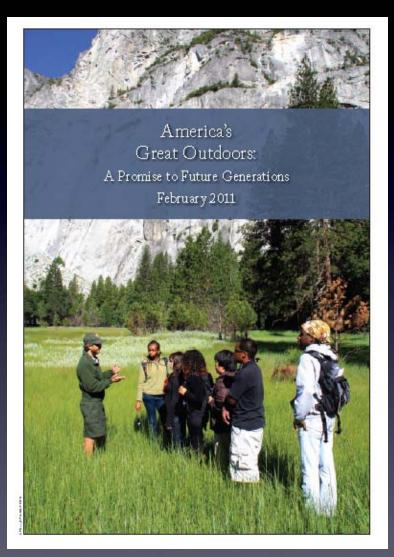
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Creating a 21st Century Strategy for America's Outdoors





Letter to the President

Dear Mr. President.

On April 16, 2010, you introduced America's Great Outdoors, an initiative aimed at reigniting our historic commitment to conserving and enjoying the magnificent natural heritage that has shaped our nation and its citizens. We are pleased to present you with the America's Great Outdoors report to begin implementation. of this 212-century conservation agends. The report was created in consultation with the American people. It reflects their ideas on how to acconnect people with A meaca's lands, waters, and natural and cultural treasures, and it builds on the conservation successes in communities across the nation.

To develop this plan, you asked us to travel outside of Washington, D.C., and to listen and learn from the American people. We embarbed on what has become one of the most inbustions is about conservation. in our history convening 51 public letening sessions in cities and communities across the country including 21 simed at youth. More than 10,000 citize to participated in person and we received more than 105,000 comments. Catazene from acuses the country, anchading farmers, ranchers, hunters, anglers, outdoor recreation en thusiasts, parents, teachers, and young people, as well as representatives of conservation organizations, state, local, and tribal governments, historic preservation groups, faith communities, and businesses, shared specific and creative ideas. We heard from all ethnic and age groups, political parties, and thousands of young people.

The message was clear: Americans care desplyabout our outdoor heritage and want to enjoy and protect it. They want to join us in taking asponsibility fore rouring that this in valuable legacy is passed along to their children and grandchildren. Americans also understand the interdependence of a healthy environment and a strong economy. Many participants extolled the positive impacts that conservation has on our economy and jobe, including recreation, tourism, economic redevelopment, and public health.

This America's Great Outdoors agenda builds on the stewardship legacy championed by President Theodore Roccevelt more than 100 years ago. Now, as then, the basis for our proposed actions is the value that Americans place on conserving the extraordinary and diverse lands and waters that sustain, restore, notatals, and support us. This initiative is about the government empowering and partnering with people and communates to protect and restore the places they cherish. In formulating this plan, we reviewed the comments and ideas from the public, analyzed existing federal purgrams, and restance afful non-federal approaches to and a second a natural landscapes and our history.

We stand ready to continue the national conversation you initiated and to work together with the American people to achieve the goals of America's Great Outdoors.

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Secretary of the Interior

Secretary of Agriculture

Administrator of the Environmental Protection Agency

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Connecting Americans to the Great Outdoors

- 1. Provide Quality Jobs, Career Pathways, and Service Opportunities
- 2. Enhance Recreational Access and Opportunities
- 3. Raise Awareness of the Value and Benefits of America's Great Outdoors
- 4. Engage Young People in Conservation and the Great Outdoors

Conserving and Restoring America's Great Outdoors

- 5. Strengthen the Land and Water Conservation Fund
- 6. Establish Great Urban Parks and Community Green Spaces
- 7. Conserve Rural Working Farms, Ranches, and Forests Through Partnerships and Incentives
- 8. Conserve and Restore Our National Parks, Wildlife Refuges, Forests, and Other Federal Lands and Waters
- 9. Protect and Renew Rivers and Other Waters

Working Together for America's Great Outdoors

10. Make the Federal Government a More Effective Conservation Partner

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Items Under Consideration

- The Secretary has proposed that 60% of the state-side be allocated competitively to the states under the goals of America's Great Outdoors
- Whether current Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plans (SCORP) and Open Project Selection Process (OPSP) are adequate to ensure appropriate review of proposals that would meet the competition's objectives and the ability to compete well nationally.
- The format of the competition. In a combined competition, the purposes of the project would be evaluated primarily against specific criteria developed for the most relevant priority area, thus allowing each project to compete on its own merits (vs. trying to compare the merits of an urban project against a landscape project).
- How "urban" should be defined. What jurisdictions would be eligible to submit projects in this category? Use the Urban Park and Recreation Recovery definition or something different? Set a minimum population size or density?

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